## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
	Michael T. Carley, et al.	{
Serial No.:	10/616,832	) Art Unit ) 3733
Filed:	July 9, 2003	)
Conf No.:	2679	{
For:	CLOSURE DEVICE AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING THEM	)
Examiner:	James L. Swiger	{
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## AMENDMENT "A"

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.